from environmental angles;

(b) the time limit stipulated for according clearance by Government; and

(c) the reasons for not according clearance within the stipulated period of time by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Environmental Impact Assessment has been made mandatory through a Notification issued by the Ministry in January, 1994, amended in May, 1994, for twenty nine categories of development projects including River Valley Schemes involving investment of Rupees fifty crores and above.

(b) and (c) The Notification of 1994 inter-alia stipulates that assessment shall be completed within a period of ninety days from receipt of requisite data and documents from the project authorities and decision to be communicated within thirty days thereafter. Non submission of complete environmental details by the project authorities results in delay in decision making within the stipulated time frame.

News-Item Regarding Temple Gold Theft in Varanasi

998. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether temple gold theft has created tension in Varanasi as reported in the Indian Express dated the 20th November, 1995; and

(b) if so, the action taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PHOF. M. KAMSON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Cases of Murder in Delhi

999. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murders in Delhi during the last six months/till November, 1995;

(b) the number of cases resolved; and

(c) the details of action taken against the culprits and to check the rising trends of killers in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) to (c) During the period from June 1 to November, 1995 the number of cases of murder reported in Delhi, the number of cases solved, the number of persons arrested and the action taken against them is as under:

Number of cases reported	Number of cases solved	Number of persons arrested	Number of persons challaned	Number of persons against whom investigations are pending
280	179	429	232	197

The Government has taken several steps to check crime in Delhi. These include increased patrolling, posting of pickets at strategic points, strenthening of intelligence machinery, frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals, increased surveillance, coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring States, training of police officers in handling modern weapons, introduction of scientific methods of investigation, modernisation of communications network, etc.

Performance of C-DOT

1000. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey about the working performance of C-DOT from its formulation; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations made by the various Committees set up to review the performance of C-DOT have been kept in view for further development of the projects undertaken by C-DOT.

गुजरात में अभ्यारण्यों हेतु आरक्षित भूमि का उद्योगों को आवंटन

1001. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोलाः** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) ऐसे उद्योगों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिन्हें गुजरात के जाम-नगर और सूरत जिलों में अभ्यारण्यों और पर्यावरण संरक्षण हेतु सुरक्षित रखी गई भूमि उद्योग लगाने हेतु दे दी गई है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि ऐसे उद्योगों के स्थापित करने से पर्यावरण को नुकसान होगा;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस मामले को राज्य सरकार के साथ उठाया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस पर राज्य सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) से (घ) राज्य सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Maintenance of National Waterways

1002. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Waterways are not maintained properly; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for proper maintenance of National Waterways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) The National Waterways are being maintained and improved by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in a phased manner depending on the availability of resources, physical capabilities and other limitations.

(b) The IWAI have formulated a detailed Action plan for development of Inland waterways in the country for implementation on short term (during 8th Five Year plan period) and long term (beyond 8th Five Year Plan) basis. Under the short term action plan, it is proposed to develop the National Waterways No. 1 and 2 for a navigable channel with 2.00 mtrs. depth. Both these waterways are targetted to remain open for IWT for at least 300 days a year. In waterway No. 3, under short term action plan, the waterway is